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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE EMERGENCY FUND

REF: ABU DHABI 0081

1. IN REFERENCE TO PARA 3, REFTEL, FOLLOWING IS BACKGROUND
DATA CONCERNING MOZAMBIQUE FUND.

2. MOZAMBIQUE'S CLOSURE OF ITS BORDERS WITH RHODESIA IN
MARCH, 1976 AND THE CONSEQUENT LOSS OF ITS SIGNIFICANT
TRADITIONAL EARNINGS DERIVED FROM THE TRANSSHIPMENT OF
RHODESIAN GOODS VIA ITS RAILWAYS AND PORTS RESULTED IN
UN ACTION (SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 386) URGING MEMBER
STATES TO PROVIDE SPECIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO THE GPRM.
THE REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES,
MOST RECENTLY IN A MID-DECEMBER UNGA RESOLUTION.

3. THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL FOR SPECIAL POLITICAL
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QUESTIONS (ABDULRAHIM FARAH) WAS DESIGNATED AS UN COORDINA-
TOR OF ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES FOR MOZAMBIQUE. MOST OF THE
RESULTING FOREIGN AID HAS BEEN BILATERAL IN NATURE (IN
FY 76 THE U.S. DONATED \$4.8 MILLION IN GRAIN AND SIGNED
AGREEMENTS FOR \$10 MILLION IN GRANT ASSISTANCE). THE UN

ALSO CREATED A SPECIAL ACCOUNT FOR THE CHANNELLING OF AID

IN A MULTILATERAL FASHION. THE APPROACH TO THE UAEG MENTIONED REFTEL WAS PROBABLY MADE BY FARAH OR ONE OF HIS DEPUTIES AND ASKED FOR A CONTRIBUTION TO THE SPECIAL ACCOUNT, OR PERHAPS FOR DIRECT BILATERAL ASSISTANCE TO THE GPRM.

4. AS OF THE PUBLICATION OF ECOSOC'S MOST RECENT REPORT (OCTOBER, 1976) ON AID TO MOZAMBIQUE, THE UAEG HAD MADE NO CONTRIBUTION OR PLEDGES. PROMISES OF SUPPORT BY OTHER ARAB STATES HAD BEEN MADE BY THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC (\$50,000 TO THE SPECIAL ACCOUNT), EGYPT (\$100,000 BILATERALLY), IRAQ (OFFER TO DONATE \$1 MILLION OF CRUDE OIL) AND LIBYA (A GRANT OF \$1 MILLION). IN ADDITION, THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES VIA ITS ARAB LOAN FUND FOR AFRICA HAS CONTRIBUTED \$6 MILLION AND PLEDGED A FURTHER \$20 MILLION. THE ABOVE MAY BE OF USE IN GAUGING THE UN'S LEVEL OF EXPECTATIONS FOR ITS REQUESTED UAEG CONTRIBUTION.

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